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静谷に挑戦する剣道と、勝負を避ける早苗の変則的ライバル関係は、
「弱点とする剣道を逆手にとられても弱く、
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## 今までのあらすじ

剣道一家に育ち、剣道一筋に生きてきた磯山香織。闘争心の無さで試合ではぱっとしない成績の西荻早苗。対照的なふたりの剣道少女が出会ったのは地元で開催された市民大会だった。実力も実績も抜きんでた香織は、全中準優勝の実績にも満足できず、顧問の反対も気にせず、中学最後のけじめとして出場。一方、早苗は、高校でも剣道を続けるかどうか決めるきっかけを探しての出場だった。試合は香織が圧倒的に攻め続けるも、結果は早苗の一本勝ち。早苗の技に得心がいかない香織は、早苗との再戦を期して、道学先まで早苗と同じ東松学園を選んでしまう。そして再会した二人は剣道部へ入部するが、何かにつけ対照的な二人は、刺激を与え合いながら剣道に打ち込む。

# 第五話

# 友人は兵法者

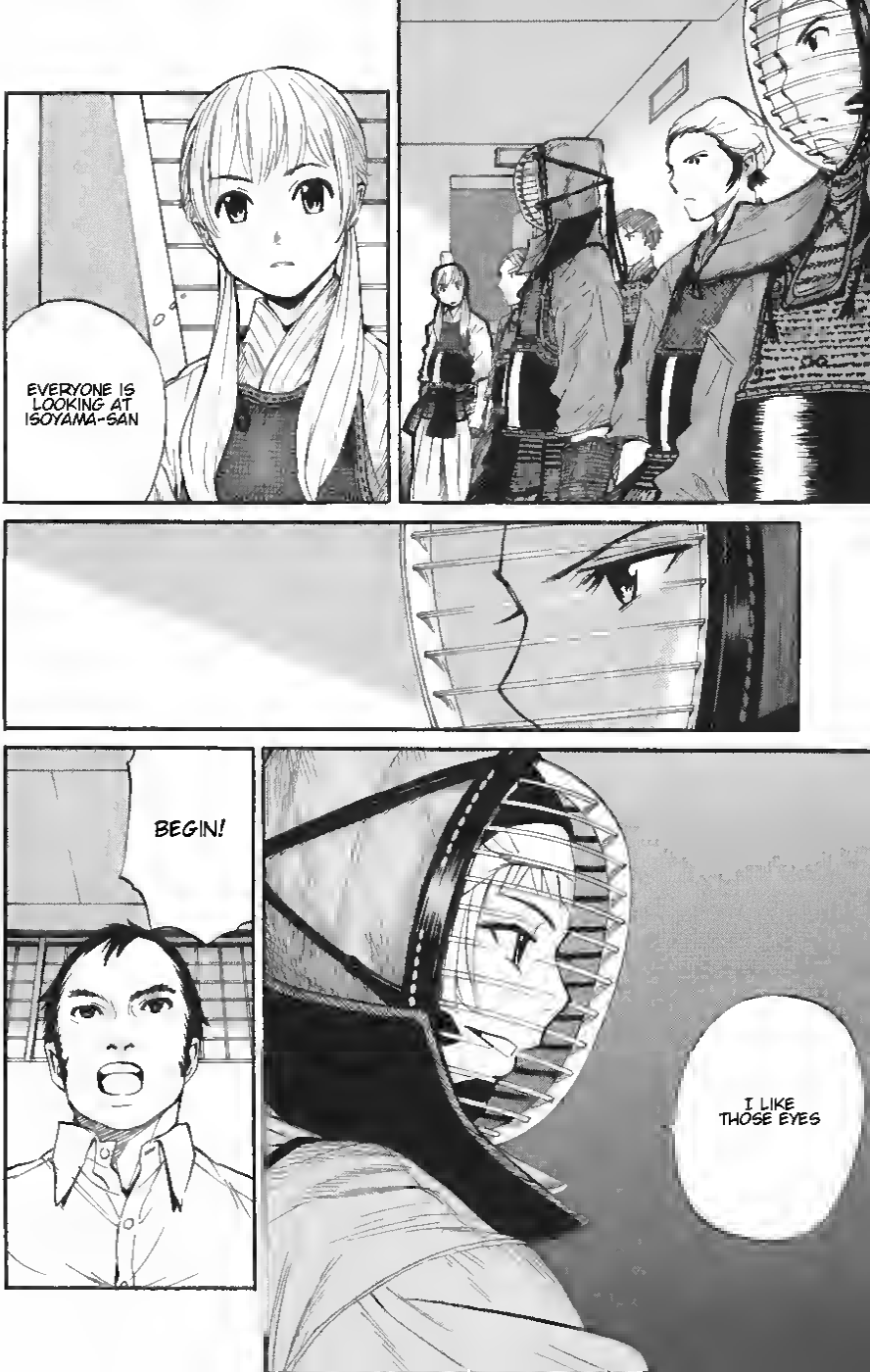
MY FRIEND IS A STRATEGIST

メェェン!
MEN STRIKE!

THIS..
THIS KIND OF KENDO IS NO GOOD
CAN'T YOU MAKE IT MORE BEAUTIFUL!
ISO-YAMA-SAN...
BEAU-TIFUL?
WHAT THE HECK ARE YOU SAYING
KAWAI
DO YOU MIND TAKING OVER AS THE REFEREE FOR A WHILE?
東松学園
村浜

I HAVE TO ANSWER THAT GREETING PROPERLY
ISOYAMA HAS THREE WINS NOW
THEN, THE UPPER GROUP...
PRESIDENT

THAT MURAHAMA IS PERSONALLY GOING OUT, HUH
ARE YOU FINE CONTINUING WITH THIS, ISOYAMA?
I'LL BE THE REFEREE, TAKE CARE OF THE TIMING FOR ME
KAWAI
YES
IF THE PRESIDENT IS WILLING
OH, I AM
PRESI-DENT..
MURA-HAMA..


EVERYONE IS LOOKING AT ISOYAMA-SAN
BEGIN!
I LIKE THOSE EYES

NO
DON'T HOLD OUT
SPLIT TO THE EDGE
SHE'S COMING FOR MEN!

SHE HELD OFF MURAHAMA'S MEN!
NO... SHALLOW
DOU!?

FAST
I CAN'T MAKE IT IN TIME!
SHE THREW HER BODY IN TO CLOSE THE GAP!

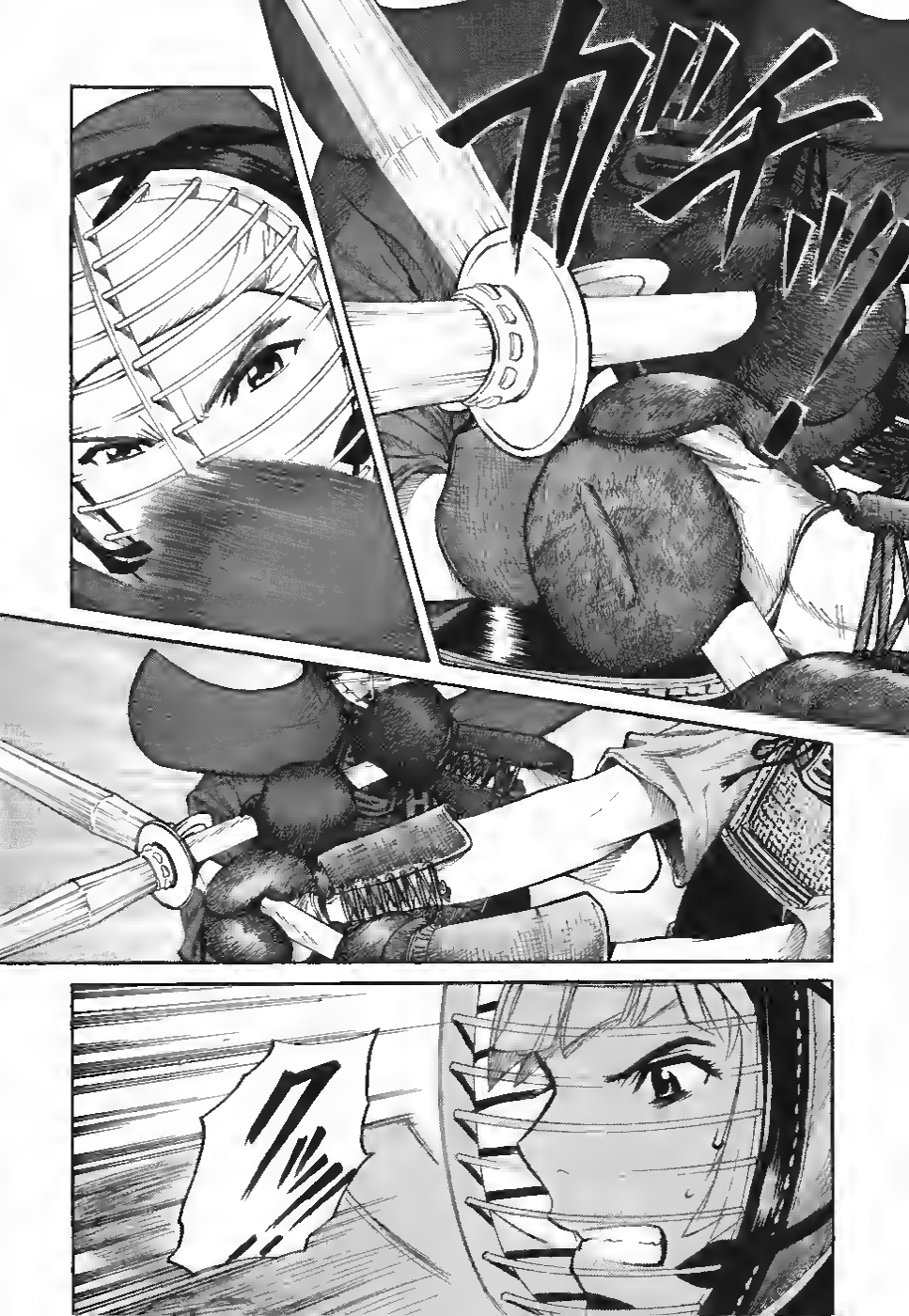
ギリギリ
ONE MINUTE
TIME'S UP!
SEPARATE

TIME
EXTEN-
SION
THIS ISN'T
A
PRACTICE
MATCH...
OI
ISOYAMA,
TODAY
THAT'S-
KAWAI!
MURAHAMA!
YOU DON'T
HAVE TO
KEEP TIME
FOR THE
EXTENSION
EH?
ペコ

オオ!
THIS PERSON GROWS
IN THE MIDDLE OF FIGHTS LIKE THIS
I SEE...
保土ヶ谷二
磯山

AS EXPECTED OF TOUSHOU'S GENERAL
HER BODY IS HUGE, BUT HER SHE'S SKILLED AND FAST
AND ABOVE ALL SHE'S UNWAVERING
WITH SUCH A GENERAL, THE TEAM IS STRONG
THE REST CAN FIGHT WITH MORE EASE
BUT THE INDIVIDUAL MATCHES ARE DIFFERENT

I WILL WIN YOU HERE!


カッ!!!
ク!!

伝士館
磯山
西荻
メ
ン

PRESI-
DENT!
MEN
STRIKE!
ARE YOU
ALRIGHT,
PRESIDENT
ウッ…
ISOYAMA!
I'M FINE,
IT'S
NOTHING
MURA-
HAMA!

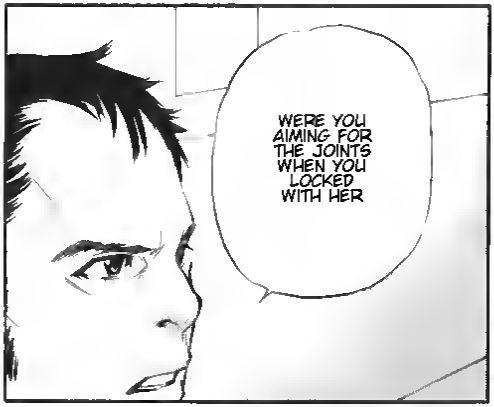
...

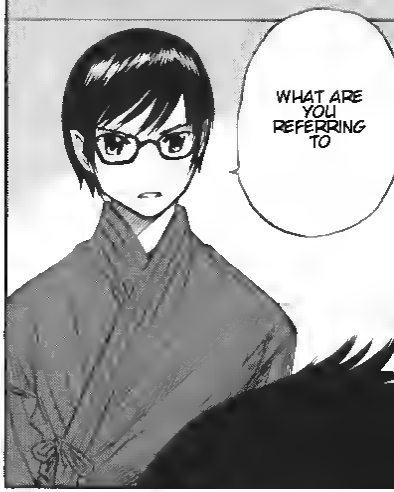
YES!
TODAY'S SESSION ENDS HERE

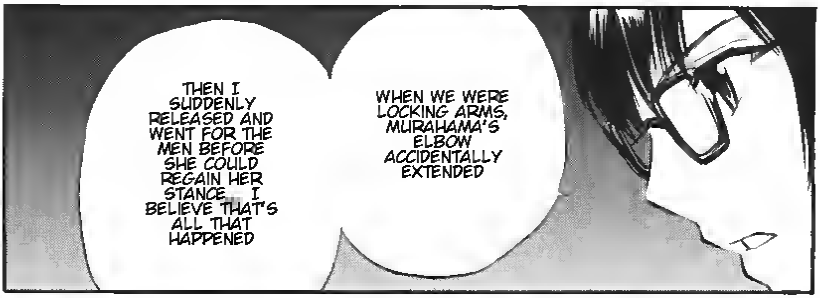
I'LL CONTACT THEM
JUST TO BE SURE, BRING MURAHAMA TO NISHIDA BONE SETTING FOR A CHECKUP
YES

KAWAI

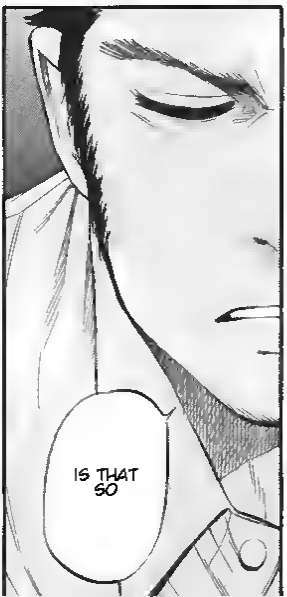
YOU STAY BACK, I'VE SOMETHING TO SAY
...YES
AND ISOYAMA
...ISOYAMA
WAS THAT ON PURPOSE JUST NOW?


WERE YOU AIMING FOR THE JOINTS WHEN YOU LOCKED WITH HER


WHAT ARE YOU REFERRING TO


WHEN WE WERE LOCKING ARMS, MURAHAMA'S ELBOW ACCIDENTALLY EXTENDED
THEN I SUDDENLY RELEASED AND WENT FOR THE MEN BEFORE SHE COULD REGAIN HER STANCE. I BELIEVE THAT'S ALL THAT HAPPENED

NEXT TIME, STEP OUT OF THOSE LOCKS FIRST
IF I FEEL IT'S DANGEROUS, I WILL STOP THE MATCH


IS THAT SO

ISOYAMA... WHY ARE YOU BEING SO IMPATIENT
I UNDER-STAND
FROM NOW ON I'LL BE MORE CAREFUL
YOU KNOW
I DON'T THINK KENDO IS ONLY ABOUT WINNING AND LOSING
KENDO IS SOMETHING MUCH MORE THAN THA-
I UNDERSTAND THAT YOU WANT TO PROVE YOUR STRENGTH IN THE CLUB
BUT WAS THERE A NEED TO USE THAT AGAINST MURAHAMA?

YES
KENDO IS NOT JUST ABOUT WINNING AND LOSING
IT'S ABOUT KILL OR BE KILLED

YOUR FRIEND'S WAITING FOR YOU

..I SEE, THAT'S ENOUGH
BE CAREFUL ON YOUR WAY BACK

THEN BECOME FRIENDS
SHE'S NOT MY FRIEND
IS THAT GUIDANCE FROM A TEACHER
OR AN ORDER FROM AN ADVISOR

IT'S ADVICE
FROM A FRIEND IN THE KENDO CLUB
第五話　おわり

# 第六話

## 「部活動」はじまりました

CLUB ACTIVITY STARTED

...
ピロリン
DON'T FOLLOW ME!
IF YOU WANT TO SAY SOMETHING, HURRY UP WITH IT!

HUH?
...NO
HO...
HOME!
HODOGAYA

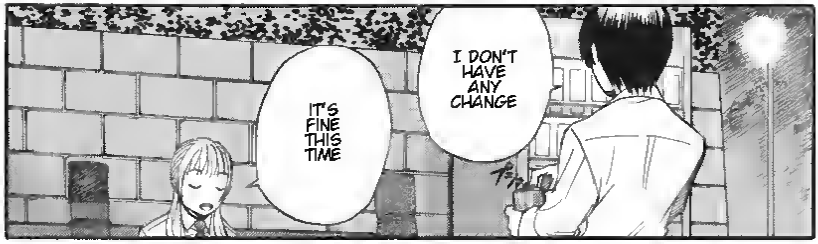
WHAT'S WITH THAT SOLDIER-LIKE MARCHING...

HINODECHOU

NOTHING WILL COME AFTER HALF PAST SIX

中川駅行
東松学園前

HERE


I DON'T HAVE ANY CHANGE
IT'S FINE THIS TIME

I MADE THESE IN A HOME ED CLASS IN GRADE 3
MY FATHER HAD HELPED ME THEN, SO I'M UNWILLING TO THROW THESE AWAY

こうもと さなえ
西秋

YES
MY PARENTS DIVORCED LAST YEAR...
YOUR FAMILY NAME CHANGED
AH
BUT I'M PERFECTLY FINE, SO YOU DON'T HAVE TO WORRY
HAA...
I'M RELIEVED WHEN YOU SAY THAT
HUH?
I'M NOT WORRIED AT ALL, THAT'S YOUR FAMILY'S PROBLEM

EVERYONE WAS WORRIED WHEN THE TALKS ABOUT DIVORCE STARTED
AND THEY WERE VERY INTERESTED TO HEAR MORE
TO THE POINT WE GREW TIRED OF IT
CH
CH
CH
YOU SHOULD JUST IGNORE THOSE PEOPLE
ISOYAMA-SAN STILL DOESN'T UNDERSTAND THE FEMALE WORLD
IF I DON'T HANDLE IT PROPERLY, I WON'T BE ABLE TO GET ALONG WITH THE CLASS
HOW TROUBLE-SOME

WHAT HAPPENED TODAY?
YOU HAVE TO PROPERLY APOLOGISE FOR WHAT HAPPENED TODAY
WHAT YOU DID TO PRESIDENT DURING THE MATCH
PLAYING INNOCENT AGAIN
SO SHE READ THAT MUCH
IN ORDER TO DEFEAT HER
HMPH
FORCING HER WRIST TO BE UNABLE TO MOVE
APOLOGISE IN FRONT OF EVERYONE TOMORROW
AFTER THAT, EVERYTHING WILL SETTLE DOWN

I- SO- YA- MA- SAN
I DON'T KNOW ABOUT "AFTER THAT"
I DON'T DO SUCH THINGS FOR OTHERS
YOU'RE HOLDING THE RULES OF GIRLS IN CONTEMPT!
APOLOGISE PROPERLY! UNDERSTAND!?
I
I UNDERSTAND...

武道場
PRESIDENT
YESTERDAY... I'M SORRY... ABOUT YOUR ARM-

IT'S FINE TO BE MISCHIEVOUS ONCE IN A WHILE...
ポン
I'M FINE, LOOK LOOK
フニュ
...
BUT YOU MUSTN'T DO THAT TO THE REST OF THE CLUB
ギュ
FOCUS!

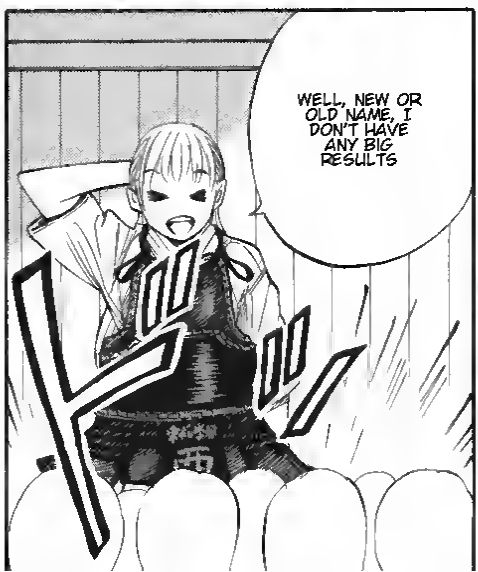
GREET
THE TEACHER!
STOP!
ONCE WE'VE FINISHED WITH THE BASIC TRAINING TODAY
WE OUGHT TO START MOVING TOWARD'S MATCHES
ハイ!
HEY HEY ISOYAMA-SAN
WHY DO WE KEEP HAVING MATCHES?
WE NEED TO CHOOSE MEMBERS FOR THE KANTO TOURNAMENT SOON
MEMBER SELECTION
EH!
...NOT THAT IT CONCERNS ME
アハハ

LET'S START FROM THAT END
YES!
BUT BEFORE THAT
LET'S HAVE THE NEW MEMBERS INTRODUCE THEMSELVES
I CAME FROM HANAMAKI WEST MIDDLE SCHOOL FROM IWATE
MY NAME IS TAMURA SATSUKI
JUNIOR HIGH NATIONALS BEST SIXTEEN LAST YEAR
おお——っ
TOKYO TAISHOU MIDDLE SCHOOL
KONO KOZUE
I DIDN'T HAVE MUCH IN INDIVIDUALS LAST YEAR, BUT MY TEAM WON THE NATIONAL YOUTH KENDO TOURNAMENT
おおお——っ
BEST SIXTEEN IN THE COUNTRY
EVERYONE IS AWESOME
キラキラ
DID YOU FORGET THAT YOU WON TAMURA YESTERDAY?

HODOGAYA SECOND JUNIOR HIGH
ISOYAMA
...KAORI
JUNIOR HIGH SECOND BEST
I SCOUTED HER
おおおおお
IT'S TRUE THAT I'M SECOND
BUT I DON'T BELIEVE I LOST THAT MATCH
おおお？
Why're they glaring at each other?
AND THE LAST PERSON
Y
YES!

I CAME FROM THE MIDDLE SCHOOL SIDE
MY NAM IS NISHIOGI .. SANAE
MY OLD FAMILY NAME WAS KOUMOTO

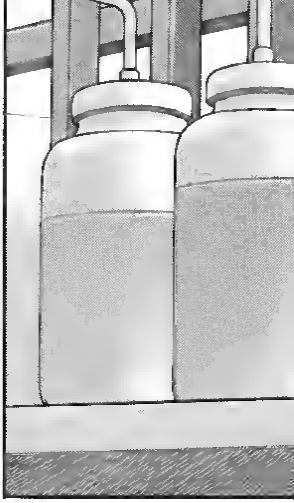
AH, MIDORIKO'S SISTER?

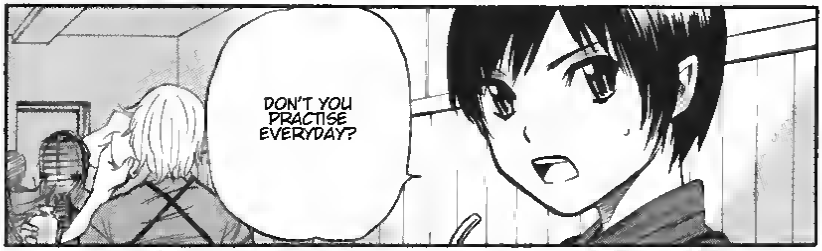

WELL, NEW OR OLD NAME, I DON'T HAVE ANY BIG RESULTS
トコ

YES!
DUE TO FAMILY PROBLEMS LAST YEAR, MY NAME CHANGED

EH?
EH?
City tournament
Best 8
AH, I DO
I WAS BEST 8 IN THE CITY TOURNAMENT
NATIONAL SECOND BEST TO CITY TOURNAMENT BEST 8
WE'VE PICKED UP QUITE SOMETHING THIS YEAR
BUT I DID WIN ISOYAMA-SAN IN THAT TOURNAMENT
EH!?
EH?
HUH?
WHAT IS IT EVERY-ONE?
THAT IDIOT SHE DIDN'T HAVE TO SAY IT...

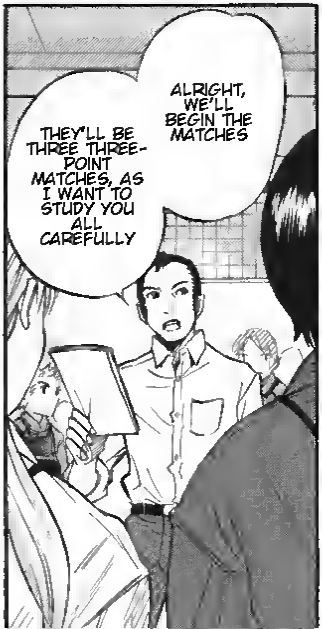
HAA...
THE BASIC TRAINING REALLY EXPENDED MY ENERGY




DON'T YOU PRACTISE EVERYDAY?

NO, IT'S IMPOSSIBLE
AFTER HAVING DINNER AND FINISHING MY WORK...

I DON'T DO MY WORK, SO I HAVE PLENTY OF TIME TO TRAIN
THAT'S ...


ALRIGHT, WE'LL BEGIN THE MATCHES
THEY'LL BE THREE THREE-POINT MATCHES, AS I WANT TO STUDY YOU ALL CAREFULLY

FIRST, NISHIOGI
ハイッ
AND...
KAWAI!
YES
HE DIDN'T CATCH MY STARE...
KAWAI-SENPAI IS BEAUTIFUL...
WHY ARE YOU BLUSHING

BEGIN!
STILL WITH THAT STUPIDLY STABLE MIDDLE...
東松学園
石幾山

...
ズッ…
ズバッ
HUH?
WHEW
KAWAI WAS AIMING FOR THE DOU
SHE WAS SURPRISED AS IT SEEMED LIKE SHE WAS READ WHEN SHE CUT THE DISTANCE

NISHIOGI MOVED WITHOUT THINKING
村浜
THAT AGAIN PISSES ME OFF
INTERESTING KID
THAT NISHI-OGI
YOU SAY "INTER-ESTING"...
THAT GIRL'S KENDO IS WEIRD
WEIRD?
IT FEELS LIKE A GHOST, FLOATING AROUND WITH NO KILLING INTENTION
I WONDER IF SHE HAS ANY INTENTION OF WINNING
HM HM

SHE DID THE SAME THING EVEN WHEN I TOLD HER TO COME AT ME SERIOUSLY
SO THE TWO OF YOU ARE RIVALS
COLOUR-LESS... HUH
DO YOU REALLY THINK SO?
EH?
IN MY EYES, NISHIOGI-SAN'S KENDO...
THAT COLOURLESS GIRL...
SHE'S NOT MY RIVAL!

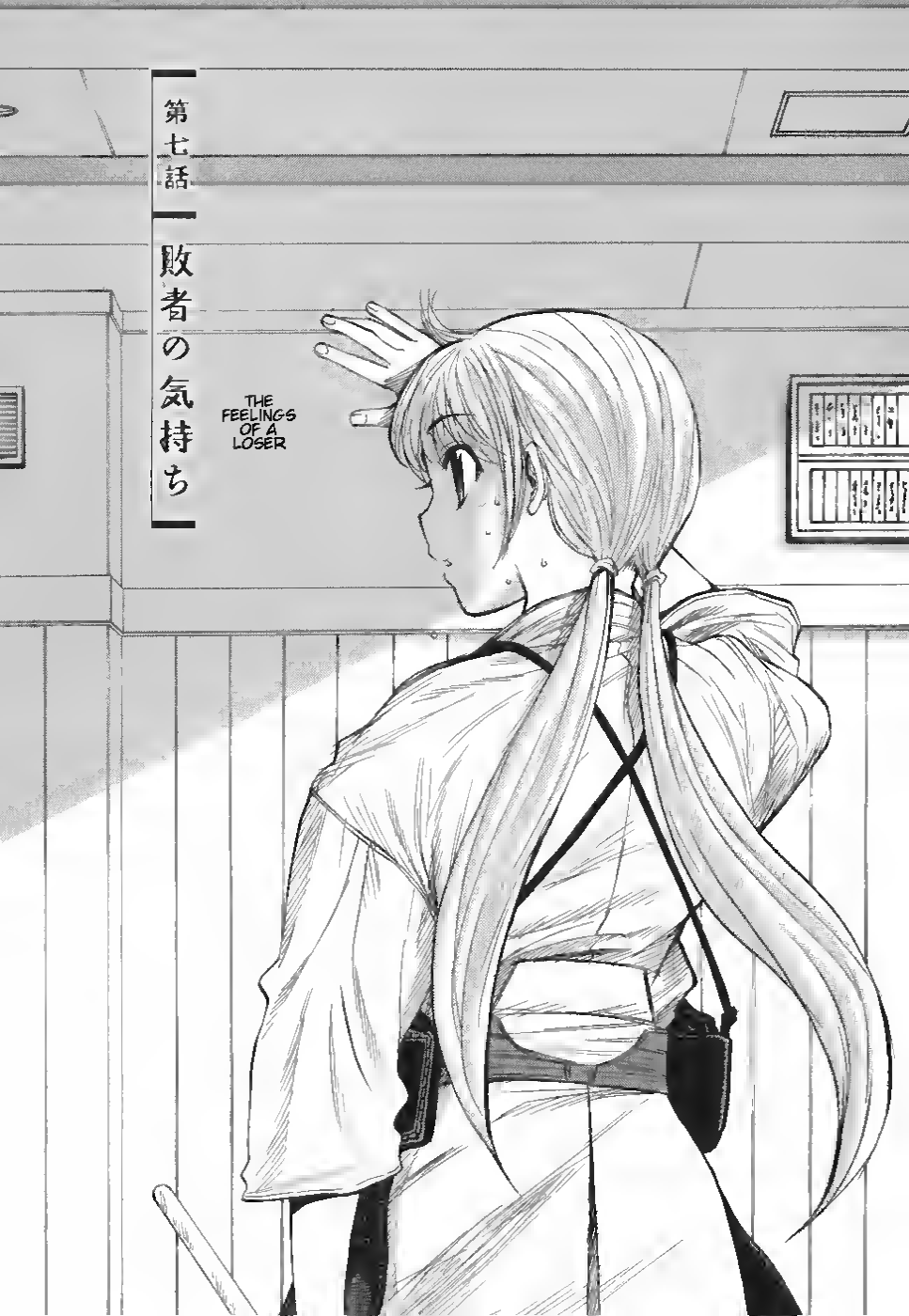
IS PURE
WHITE
東松学園
西我

第六話　おわり

# 第七話

# 敗者の気持ち

THE FEELINGS OF A LOSER



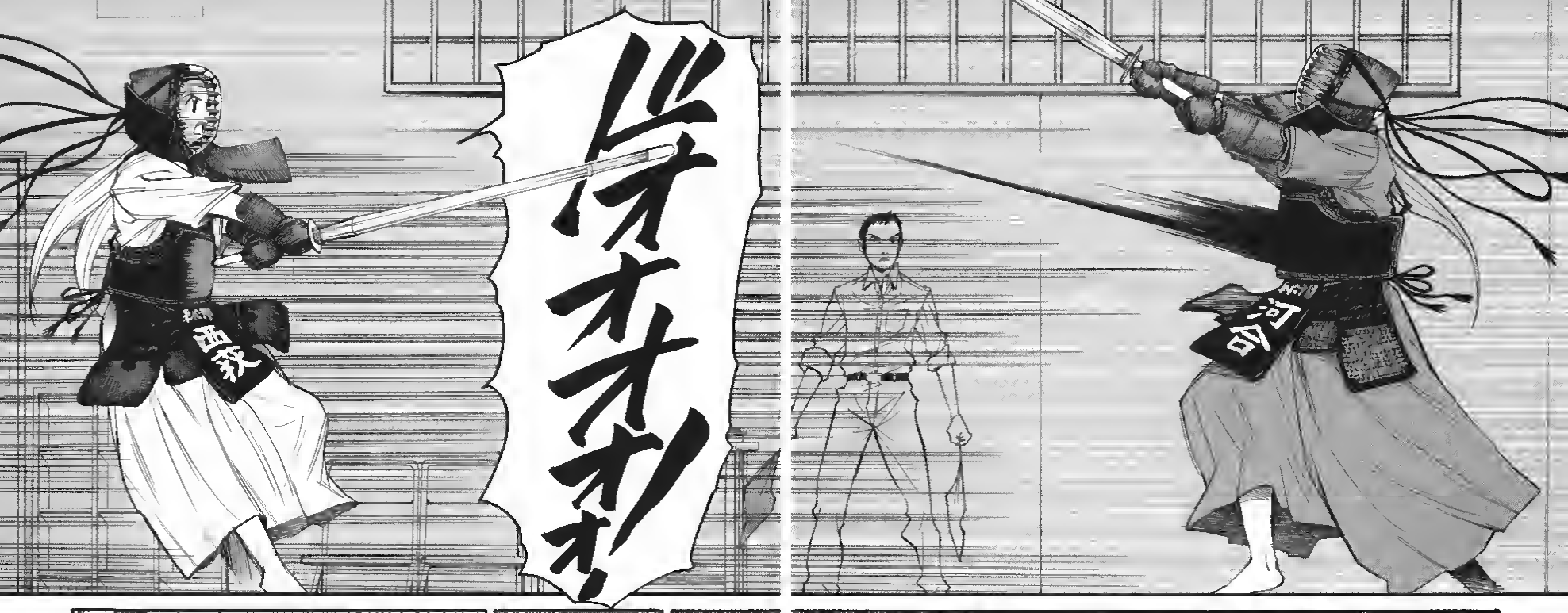
WHITE...

I LOST TO AN AMATEUR LIKE HER?

I DON'T UNDERSTAND WHAT THAT IMPLIES

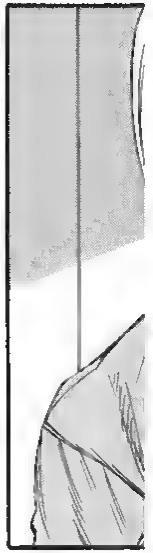
MY...
WHITE IS SCARY, YOU KNOW

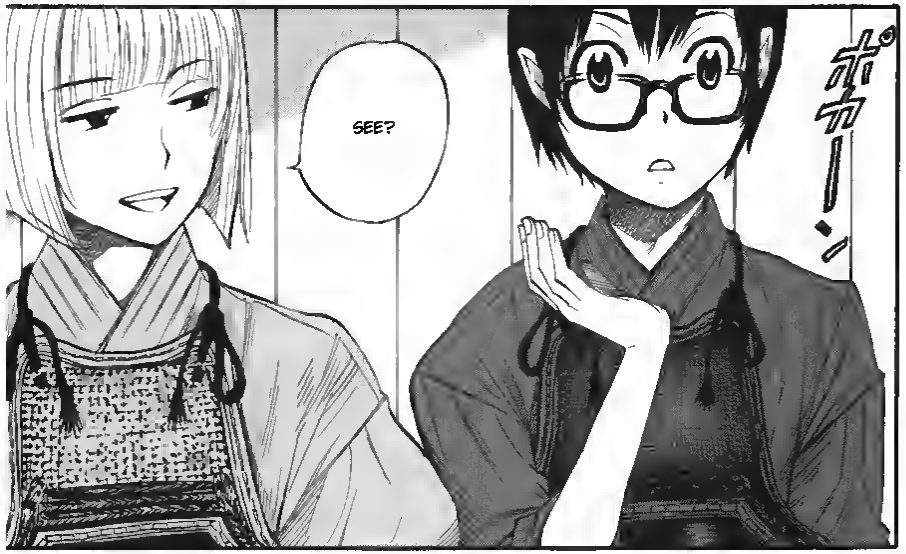
IT CAN TURN INTO ANY COLOUR


バオオオ!
西牧

ザワッ…
ALRIGHT!

DOU STRIKE!




SEE?
ポカーン

WHEW
SO YOU WERE DRAWING ME IN FOR THE DOU
I DIDN'T EXPECT IT AT ALL. IT WAS BEAUTIFULLY EXECUTED
THANK YOU VERY MUCH!

NISHIOGI-SAN, YOU REALLY DON'T HAVE ANY MAJOR TOURNAMENT EXPERIENCE?
YES
MY HIGHEST WAS THE CITY TOURNAMENT BEST 8
UFUFU
I REALLY WANT TO HIT YOUR FACE
SO SHE FEELS THE SAME TOO
I CAN'T BELIEVE THAT...
YOUR MOVEMENTS ARE EXTREMELY HARD TO READ, SO I CAN'T PREDICT WHAT WILL HAPPEN
WHAT DO YOU THINK ABOUT DURING A MATCH?
HUH... IS THAT SO
SO SHE DOESN'T REALISE IT HERSELF

DO YOU THINK ABOUT WINNING AGAINST ME?
UMM PROBABLY A LOT OF THINGS...
I DIDN'T THINK MUCH ABOUT THAT
NO, NO
HUH...
HOW DO I SHOW KILLING INTENT?
DON'T ASK ME!
INDEED, NO WONDER I COULDN'T SENSE ANY KILLING INTENT

KILLING INTENT
IS IT NOT GOOD IF I CAN'T DO IT
クスッ
YES!
I THINK YOU SHOULD DO WHAT YOU THINK IS GOOD
ISN'T IT FINE AS LONG AS YOU CAN WIN
...

THE TRAINING WAS HARD, BUT FUN
THE SENPAIS ARE KIND
AND KOSHIBA-SENSEI'S TIPS ARE EASY TO UNDER-STAND

RIGHT, ISOYAMA-S-
YOU

HAVE BECOME LAX EVER SINCE YOU BEAT KAWAI
I HAVEN'T BECOME LAX

THEN WHY DID YOU LOSE TO MIYATA AND DRAW AGAINST FURUTA AFTER THAT!
I WON AGAINST BOTH MIYATA AND FURUTA
I HAVE THE RIGHT
YOU SHOULDN'T CALL THE SENPAIS BY THEIR NAMES
ANYWAY
YOU CAN'T BE SATISFIED WITH JUST WINNING KAWAI, THEN LOSING AND DRAWING WITH OTHERS
RIGHT...
YOU KEEP THINKING GOOD THINGS TO YOURSELF THEN

IT WAS A FLUKE
YOUR LACK OF STABILITY SURPASSES THAT
FLUKE...
WELL, THAT'S A CASE OF STRONG AND WEAK POINTS, ISN'T IT?
STRONG AND WEAK ..
IT'S TRUE THAT SOMETIMES I FEEL UNREAL MYSELF
SPARRED WITH ISOYAMA-SAN TODAY
LIKE WHEN KAWAI-SAN
I WANT TO SEE STRENGTH AND SKILL TOGETHER IN A BEAUTIFUL WAY

SPEAKING OF WHICH, YOU SAID THAT THE CITY TOURNAMENT WAS THE FIRST TIME YOU EVER SCORED A HIT ON SOMEONE
OF COURSE I MEAN, I'VE HAD HITS DURING PRACTICES
THAT WAS BECAUSE I GET MIXED UP WITH MY OPPONENTS, AND THE FLAG IS RAISED AGAINST ME
BUT THE MEN THAT DAY WAS DIFFERENT
THAT ONE HIT CONVINCED ME TO CONTINUE KENDO IN HIGH SCHOOL

THAT'S WHY I WANT TO BE IN MATCHES WHERE I CAN MEASURE MY GROWTH
IF I CAN ...VE OPPONENTS LIKE THAT
IT DOESN'T MATTER WHETHER I WIN OR LOSE—
BY NOT CARING ABOUT WINNING OR LOSING
YOU FIND CLUB ACTIVITIES FUN!?
DOING KENDO WITH THAT SORT OF ATTITUDE...
DON'T GIVE ME THAT CRAP!

DO YOU UNDER-STAND THE FEELINGS OF A LOSER!!
I DO!!
I DO...
THAT'S WHY I HATE FUSSING OVER WINNING AND LOSING

GOOD BYE
SEE YOU TOMORROW
...
ポン
WHAT'S WITH HER..

お父さんへ
ちゃんとゴハン食べて
ますか？
わたしは元気です。
お姉はあいかわらずで
す。
お母さんはまだちょっ
とおこって
カチ
カチ
カチ
カチ
I'M BACK
...
WHAT'S THIS? MAIL? A BOY?
WAH!

WHAT, IT'S JUST TO FATHER
How boring
PLEASE! KEEP THIS AWAY FROM MOTHER
THAT'S FINE, BUT
HE'S NOT GOING TO REPLY ANYWAY, RIGHT?
YES
HE HASN'T... BUT
YOU DON'T HAVE TO WORRY, HE WILL COME BACK
HE'S NOWHERE TO GO AFTER ALL
IF I DON'T EVEN SEND HIM MAIL
I FEEL LIKE HE WON'T COME BACK

ゴクゴクゴクゴクゴクゴク
AT THE VERY LEAST, I SHOULD MAKE IT EASY FOR HIM TO RETURN
I'M WORRIED FOR HIM BECAUSE HE HAS NOWHERE TO GO
WAH!
...ELSE HIS BODY MIGHT HAVE TURNED COLD BY THEN
YEAH
HE WOULDN'T HAVE LEFT THIS HOUSE IF HE WAS CONTEMPLATING SUICIDE
JUST KIDDING

I AM ENJOYING IT WELL ENOUGH!
GO FIND SOMEONE GOOD LIKE TAKUMI AND ENJOY YOUR HIGH SCHOOL LIFE
YOU SHOULDN'T BOTHER YOURSELF WITH SUCH MUNDANE THINGS
IN KENDO...
I'M NOT A HAPPY-GO-LUCKY GIRL

AAAA
IF YOU'RE STILL ALIVE THEN REPLY, STUPID FATHER!

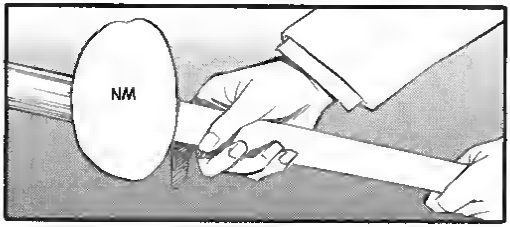
GOOD EVENING

I THOUGHT IT'S ABOUT TIME YOU CAME
YO, KAORI-CHAN
OI GRANDMA, BRING A TOWEL FOR THE BEAUTIFUL LADY HERE
"IT'S ABOUT TIME YOU CAME"
YOU'RE ALWAYS SAYING THAT, TA-JII
REALLY?
EVER SINCE I WAS A KID

IT'S RAINING HUH
JUST A DRIZZLE
ER... IT'S ALRIGHT, GRANDMA
OH MY, KAORI-CHAN, WELCOME
NO GOOD, THIS IS A NEW SCHOOL UNIFORM
FACE THIS WAY
THE SHINAIS YOU ASKED FOR HAVE COME, DID YOU BRING THE TWO OVER?
IT SUITS YOU WELL
YOU'VE BECOME MATURE SO QUICKLY
THANK YOU
ポン ポン

I'VE BROUGHT THE TWO THAT NEED TO BE REPLACED
YES

THE FRONT AND BACK HAVE SPLINTERED AND WORN OUT
I'LL BE SWITCHING THE MIDDLE TOO
OKAY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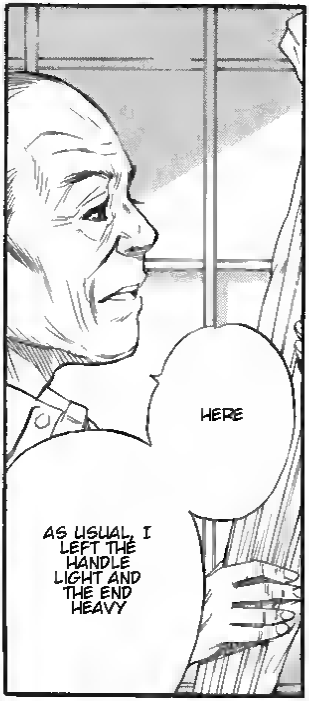
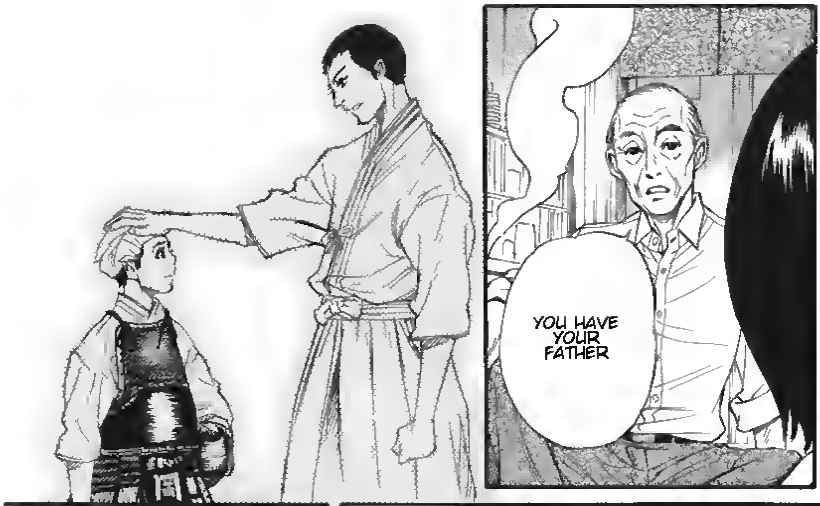

HERE
AS USUAL, I LEFT THE HANDLE LIGHT AND THE END HEAVY

AS EXPECTED OF TA-JI, IT FITS WELL
THANK YOU

...SO
HOW'S HIGH SCHOOL?
COMPARED TO KIRIYA DOJO, IT'S LIKE LUKEWARM WATER
DESPITE ITS REPUTATION, ITS CLUB IS...
DIFFERENT FROM YOSHIAKI'S DOJO, HUH
IF CHILDREN WERE TO BE ENTRUSTED TO HIS ROUGH TEACHING
WOULD THEY CONTINUE UNDER HIM UNTIL THEY BECOME INJURED?
DON'T TALK BAD ABOUT GENMEI-SENSEI, HE'S MY ONLY TEACHER


YOU HAVE YOUR FATHER

YOU SHOULDN'T SAY THAT
HE IS AN EXCELLENT INSTRUCTOR

HE IS NO TEACHER

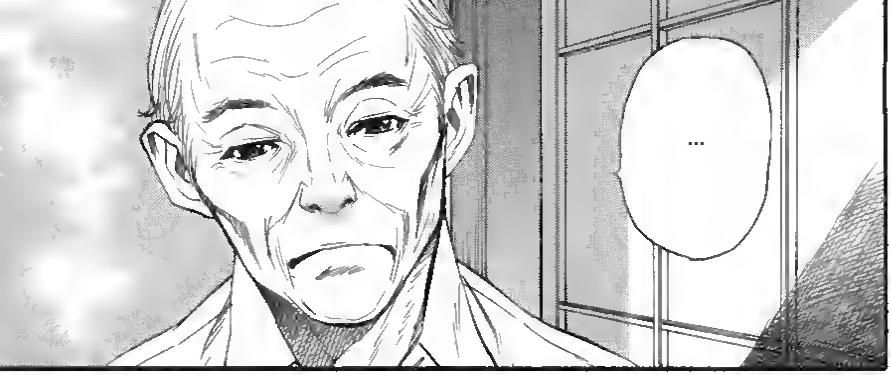
EXCELL-ENT?
DO YOU REMEMBER WHAT HE DID TO MY BROTHER?
TO MAKE HIM GIVE UP KENDO
HE HAD HIM FIGHT THE STRONGEST PERSON IN HIS DOJO, OKA TAKUMI
KAZUHARU
DO YOU UNDERSTAND WHY YOU LOST TO OKA

WHAT DID YOU THINK MY PRECIOUS OWN FATHER SAID TO ME WHEN I WENT TO HIGH SCHOOL?

BUT KAZUHARU-KUN QUIT KENDO ONLY AT THE END OF MIDDLE SCHOOL
IT WASN'T HIS FATHER, HE THOUGHT ABOUT IT AND DECIDED IT HIMSELF

YOUR CURRENT KENDO IS VULGAR
IF YOU INSIST ON FOLLOWING THAT PATH, I WON'T BE STINGY WITH YOUR SCHOOL FEES
KINKI, KYUSHU, OR OUR PREFECTURE'S TOUSHOU, GO ANYWHERE YOU LIKE
BUT IF YOU COME BACK EVEN MORE ROTTEN THAN YOU ARE NOW
I WILL NOT ALLOW YOU TO PRACTISE KENDO A SECOND TIME

I WILL ABSOLUTELY FORBID YOU!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MY BROTHER IS A HERO TO ME

THAT'S WHY I WON'T FORGET

HE'S STRONGER AND KINDER THAN ANYONE

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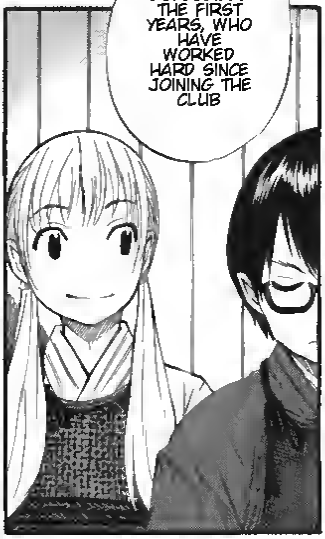
# 第八話 動きはじめる

ACTIVITIES BEGIN

22
23 木 稽古 16:00
24 金
25 土 関東大会 県予選
26 日 OFF
稽古 9:00～
THERE'S ONE WEEK LEFT TO THE KANTO GRAND TOURNAMENT

I HAVE SUFFICIENTLY READ EVERYONE'S CAPABILITY, AS INTENDED
THROUGH THE USUAL PRACTICE AND THE MATCHES

NOW I SHALL ANNOUNCE THE MEMBERS IN THE PARTICIPATING TEAM


ESPECIALLY THE FIRST YEARS, WHO HAVE WORKED HARD SINCE JOINING THE CLUB

CAPTAIN, THIRD YEAR, MURAHAMA
YES
VICE CAPTAIN, SECOND YEAR, KAWAI
YES
CENTER, THIRD YEAR, NOGIWA
YES
SECOND, THIRD YEAR, OOMORI
YES!
村浜
汀合

VANGUARD, FIRST YEAR-
ISOYAMA
YES
RESERVE, SECOND YEAR, UEHARA
YES
KOSHIBA-SENSEI IS SAYING THAT HE ACKNOWLEDGES ISOYAMA-SAN'S STRENGTH AFTER ALL
OOO!!
ISOYAMA-SAN IS THE ONLY FIRST YEAR MEMBER

FIRST YEAR, NISHIOGI
...AND
HE HAS LOOKED WHERE SHOULD BE LOOKED
THESE ARE THE MEMBERS WHO WILL FIGHT IN THE KANTO TOURNAMENT
IN THE WEEK LEFT, PULL YOURSELVES UP ONE LEVEL MORE-
OI, IT'S YOU
YOU'RE PART OF THE RESERVE
EH?

NO
WAIT-
HOLDED ON!

NO, ERR..
PLEASE HOLD ON
WHAT IS IT, NISHIOGI

HOLDED?

YOU ARE PART OF THE RESERVE
THAT'S RIGHT
IS IT REALLY ME?
I CAN'T!
EVEN IF IT'S RESERVE
I CAN'T BE A MEMBER OF THE TEAM!

BUT...
NO, YOU'RE RIGHT
AM I WRONG?
IT'S UP TO ME TO DECIDE
NISHIOGI-SAN
...YES...
IF IT'S YOU, SURELY YOU CAN DO IT?
THE CHOSEN MEMBERS MUST WORK HARD FOR EVERYONE'S SAKE

...
A MATCH ALREADY!? IT'S ONLY APRIL
THIS IS THE QUALIFIER
THE MAIN TOURNAMENT IS IN JUNE
IT'S GREAT, ISN'T IT, BEING CHOSEN AS A MEMBER

I'M JUST THE RESERVE
NO WELL...
OH, ARE YOU DISSATISFIED?
I CAN'T BE A CONTESTANT, RESERVE OR NOT
IT'S THE OTHER WAY ROUND
YOU TRAIN SO YOU WON'T LOSE, RIGHT?
YES, BUT
IF I GO OUT AND WE LOSE...

I DIDN'T JOIN THE CLUB JUST TO BECOME STRONGER
SO ME BEING CHOSEN AS A TEAM MEMBER...
I LIKE THE SORT OF ATMOSPHERE
DANCING AROUND, SALUTING YOUR OPPONENT...
IS THAT NO GOOD?
HAA?
THEN WHY DO YOU PRACTISE KENDO
YOU'RE ALWAYS SAYING THAT TO GET AROUND WINNING AND LOSING
I DO WORK HARD TO WIN, JUST THAT I'M NOT FIXATED ON THAT!

FATHER COULD SUDDENLY CHANGE LIKE THAT
BECAUSE HE LOST THE PROPRIETARY RIGHTS IN COURT
FOCUSING ON WINNING AND LOSING ISN'T A GOOD THING
SANAE...
WHAT ARE YOU SAYING? FATHER LEAVING DOESN'T HAVE ANYTHING TO DO WITH YOUR KENDO
BESIDES, YOU'VE BEEN AVOIDING CONFRONTATIONS BEFORE THAT, HAVEN'T YOU?

IT'S NOT LIKE I'VE BEEN RUNNING AWAY
NOT REALLY...
武道場
武道
I WONDER IF KOSHIBA-SENSEI IS IN THE CLUBROOM

WHAT, DID YOU COME FOR SELF-PRACTICE TOO
EH!?
NO...
YES, IT'S SOMETHING RELATED TO PRACTICE
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SOME-
TIMES
I HAVE PHYSICAL IN THE AFTERNOON TODAY, SO I CHANGED OUT
HAVE YOU HAD LUNCH?
NO, NOT YET
DO YOU PRACTISE EVERY LUNCH BREAK?
I CAN T DO THIS BY MYSELF
N EXCHANGE FOR THAT HELP ME OUT
...CAN I HAVE IT?
HERE

IDIOT, WE WON'T BE FIGHTING
UNLESS YOU WANT TO FACE MY SHINAI
HAHA... RIGHT

HELP HER?
Aah!
Mew!

...DO YOU ALSO THINK THAT IT'S WEIRD FOR ME TO BE RESERVE?

ISOYAMA-SAN...

I SAW YOUR RECENT MATCHES
IT'S NOT SURPRISING THAT YOU'RE IN
NAH
YOU MEAN PEOPLE LIKE MIYATA AND FURUTA
WAH!
I TOLD YOU, YOU CAN'T DROP THE HONORIFICS
BUT I DON'T HAVE ANYWHERE WHERE I EXCEL OVER THE OTHERS
DID YOU NOT NOTICE YOURSELF?
AND ALSO PEOPLE LIKE FIRST YEAR TAMURA

COMPARED TO THOSE PEOPLE, YOU ARE A BETTER CANDIDATE, SINCE YOUR RATE OF HITS IS HIGHER
REGARDLESS OF THE POINTS, YOU HAVE THE MOST SOLID WORK
KOSHIBA MUST HAVE SEEN IT FROM THE SIDES, BUT...
IN THE TEAM MATCH, IF THE POINTS ARE THE SAME AT THE END, IT'LL BE DECIDED BY THE NUMBER OF HITS IN THE LAST MATCH
HUH
BUT!
SO EVEN IF YOU CAN'T LAND A SINGLE HIT
IT IS IMPORTANT THAT THE OPPONENT TOO IS NOT ALLOWED TO LAND A HIT
IN OTHER WORDS
Y-YES!

A SLIPPERY MEMBER LIKE YOU WHO CAN AVOID A THOUSAND BLOWS DIRECTED AT YOU
I SEE
THEN WHY-
LIKE I KNOW, GO ASK KOSHIBA YOURSELF!
THAT'S WHAT I CAME FOR, BUT HE'S NOT HERE
HUH? SO YOU DIDN'T COME HERE TO PRACTISE?
COULD IT BE TO RESIGN AS A TEAM MEMBER?
AH!

ARE YOU FREE IN THE AFTER-NOON?
EH?
WELL, WHATEVER
ヨイショッ

FOLLOW ME FOR AFTERNOON PRACTISE UNTIL THE TOURNA-MENT
IN RETURN, I'LL MAKE SOMETHING AND BRING IT HERE
IT'LL BE SOME-THING DELICIOUS

NOW FIRST, LET'S START WITH A THOUSAND ROUNDS OF BASIC STROKES!
EEH!?
AH
NO-
武道場

選手
出入口
THE LAST SATURDAY OF APRIL
小田原
56回
関東高等学校剣道大会
神奈川県予選
KANTO HIGH SCHOOL KENDO TOURNA-MENT

竹刀
計量所
DON'T LOOK AROUND LIKE THAT, IT'S DISTURBING
WELL, THIS IS MY FIRST TIME ON SUCH A BIG STAGE
OI NISHIOGI, THIS WAY
AH, WAIT WAIT!

WHY'RE YOU SO EXCITED
HM?
I HEARD FROM KOSHIBA-SENSEI THAT IN THE TOURNAMENT THE TEAM ORDER CANNOT BE CHANGED
BESIDES INJURY OR ILLNESS
I HEARD ABOUT THAT
SENSEI MUST HAVE PUT ME IN WITH THAT IN MIND
MEANING THE RESERVE...
THE SECOND RESERVE, ME, WILL HAVE ZERO CHANCE OF PARTICIPATING IN THE MATCHES!
IF YOU THINK ABOUT IT, IT MAKES SENSE
I'VE ALWAYS LIKED THESE MANAGERIAL JOBS

THANK YOU
キュッ
WITH THIS, EVERYONE'S SHINAI HAS BEEN MEASURED, RIGHT?
THEN LET'S RETURN TO THE REST
ヨルヒ！
...

OUR FIRST IS THE EIGHTH MATCH ON THE SECOND STAGE
OUR SCHOOL HAS A FIRST ROUND SEED, SO WE'LL PARTICIPATE IN THE SECOND ROUND
DON'T WANDER TOO FAR AWAY
I CAN'T GO LOOKING FOR EVERY ONE OF YOU ONE BY ONE
OK, ISOYAMA?
THAT IS ALL, WARM YOURSELVES UP INDIVIDUALLY FOR YOUR MATCHES
YES!
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WHY ME?
DON'T WORRY, I WILL WATCH YOU CAREFULLY!

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グエッ

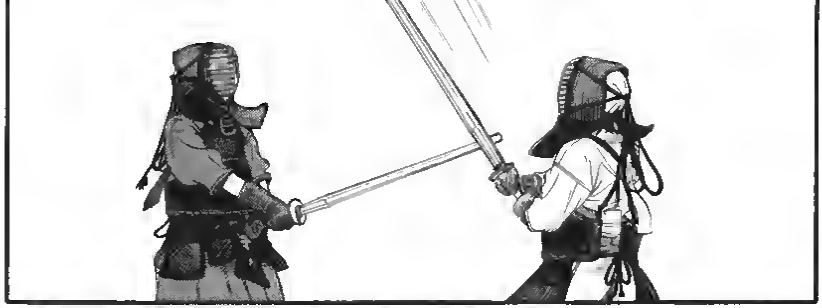
I'M GOING TO THE TOILET
YOU'RE NOT ALLOWED TO GO ANYWHERE UNTIL I COME BACK

NO, I'M NOT-

YOU DIDN'T HAVE TO GRAB ME, IT ALMOST CAME OFF
WHOEVER WINS THE MATCH THERE WILL BE OUR FIRST OPPONENT
YOU SHOULD TAKE A LOOK TOO

UU...
IT'S BETTER TO LISTEN TO HER WHEN HER EYES ARE LIKE THAT

OKAY OKAY
I'LL GIVE IT A
LOOK-
AH
WHITE'S MEN WILL DECIDE IT



I SOMEHOW SAW HER MOTIONS...
WHY DID I KNOW THAT
HUH?
MEN STRIKE!
東松学園

HUH?
INDEED
EVER SINCE YOU ENTERED HIGH SCHOOL, YOUR OPPONENTS HAVE BEEN PEOPLE AIMING FOR THE INTER-HIGH INDIVIDUALS
MURAHAMA, KAWAI, NOGIWA AND EVEN ME
NISHIOGI'S SIGHT HAS BECOME FASTER
IT'S NATURAL TO SENSE SLOWNESS FROM OPPONENTS LIKE THAT ONE

YOUR HEART JUST WENT THUMP JUST NOW
N-NO WAY THERE'S NO WAY MY HEART WOULD JUMP OVER THIS!
キュ!!
IT'S A GOOD THING
トクン…
MY…
SIGHT…

SANAE IS A CONTESTANT
NOT A MANAGER!

ARE YOU STILL GOING TO SAY THAT YOU DON'T CARE ABOUT WINNING OR LOSING
THAT'S...
YOU...
DO YOU HAVE NO WISH TO BECOME STRONGER
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分かってない!!
YOU DON'T UNDERSTAND!

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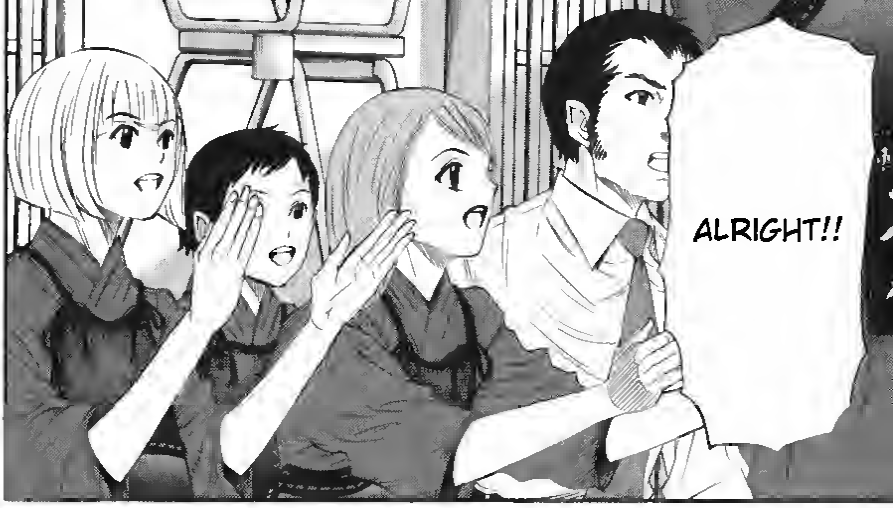
ALRIGHT!!

EVERYONE'S SPIRIT HAS BEEN ROUSED BY THAT MEN
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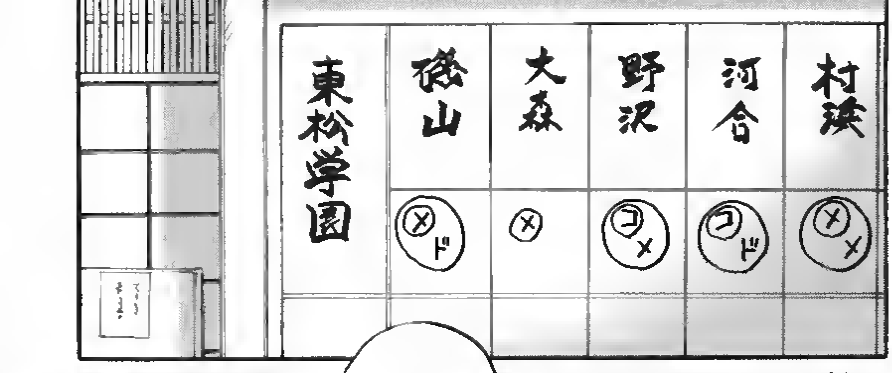
野沢
大森
磯山
⊗
東松学園
THE VANGUARD'S HIT CAN CREATE SUCH A MOOD IN A TOURNAMENT

ALSO, ISOYAMA-SAN LIVES UP TO HER REPUTATION
ALTHOUGH THAT IS WITH EVERYONE'S SUPPORT
A TEAM IS REALLY WONDERFUL
WHEN WILL I BECOME AS STRONG AS-

DO YOU HAVE NO WISH TO BECOME STRONGER
...


東松学園
徳山
大森
野沢
河合
村浜

NINE STRIKES FROM FIVE PEOPLE
WELL, THIS IS THE FIRST MATCH AFTER ALL

NISHIOGI...

WHAT'S WRONG, ISOYAMA?

THAT IDIOT RAN...
NISHIOGI WENT TO THE TOILET
SEEMS LIKE SHE'S BEEN HOLDING IT FOR A WHILE
I'M GOING TO LOOK FOR HER
AREN'T THEY OPPOSITES OF EACH OTHER?
THEY'RE REALLY INTERESTING LADIES

HAA...
ME, BECOME STRONG?
LIKE ISOYAMA-SAN?

ウガァ
キシャー
オラオラオラ
NO... NO WAY
DO YOU TAKE ME FOR SOME KIND OF WILD DOG
WAH!

I DIDN'T HIDE
I DID GO TO THE TOILET
YOU SAID THAT YOU WERE AT THE TOILET, THEN HID IN THE PRACTICE HALL
THEN ANSWER MY PREVIOUS QUESTION
I DO THINK A LITTLE ABOUT BECOMING STRONGER
BUT I DON'T KNOW HOW TO BECOME STRONGER, AND...
THEN IT'S SETTLED

FROM NEXT WEEK ONWARDS, YOU'LL COME WITH ME TO KIRIYA DOJO FOR TRAINING
EH?
YOU CAN BECOME STRONGER
BUT NOT AS THINGS ARE NOW
IF YOU WANT TO BE STRONGER, COME WITH ME

DOJO .. YOU MEAN MORE PRACTICE AFTER THE CLUB SESSIONS?
NO, WAIT A MINUTE
THEN DON'T GO FOR THE CLUB SESSIONS!
THROUGH CONSTANT PRACTICE AT THE KIRIYA DOJO, WHEN I FACED OFF TOUSHOU'S PEOPLE IN MATCHES
THE RESULT WAS SOMETHING EVEN KOSHIBA COULDN'T COMMENT ON
THAT'S ABSURD...

IT HAS TO BE ABSURD TO CURE YOUR CAREFREE KENDO, RIGHT?
CARE-FREE!?
TO DO THAT, YOU CAN'T DEPEND ON THE CLUB'S LUKEWARM PRACTICES AND KOSHIBA'S SWEET ADVICE
IF YOU REALLY WANT TO BECOME STRONG, THEN FOLLOW ME TO KIRIYA DOJO-
...

YOU'RE WRONG!
I WANT TO PRACTISE KENDO WITH EVERYONE AND KOSHIBA-SENSEI
AND BECOME STRONGER AS A TOUSHOU MEMBER!
I TOLD YOU THAT'S IMPOS-
THEN
IT'S FINE IF I DON'T BECOME STRONGER

OI! WAIT
YOU DON'T UNDER-STAND ANYTHING!
WHAT'RE YOU GETTING ANGRY OVER-
EH!?

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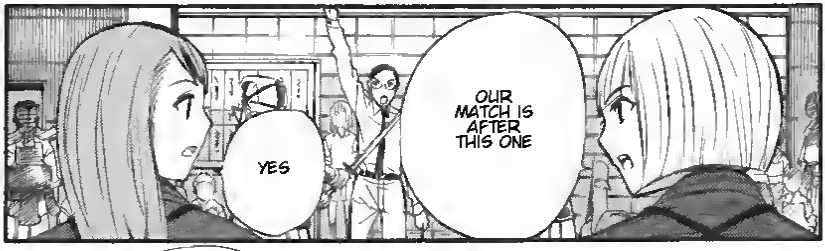
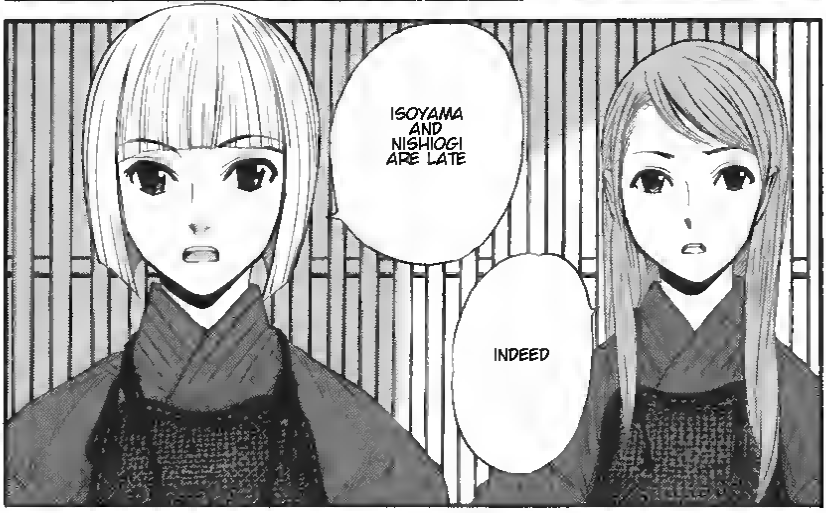

OUR MATCH IS AFTER THIS ONE
YES


ISOYAMA AND NISHIOGI ARE LATE
INDEED



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IT'S MY FAULT

ARE YOU ALRIGHT?
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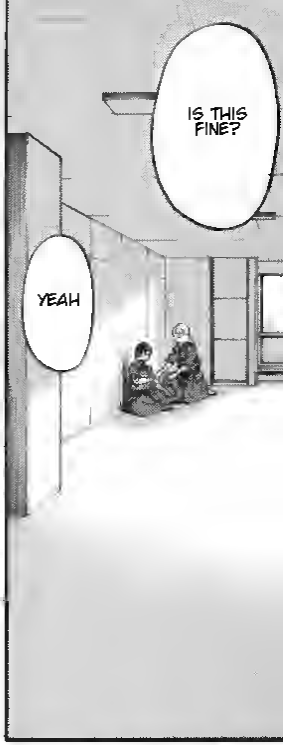
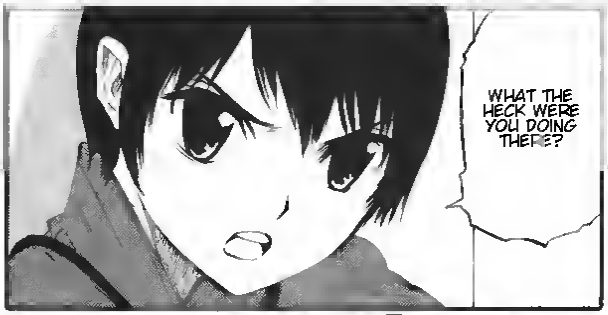

IS THIS FINE?
YEAH


WHAT THE HECK WERE YOU DOING THERE?

I'LL GO CALL FOR HELP
WAIT WAIT
東松学園
西荻

WELL, YOU SUDDENLY GRABBED ME—

I'M FINE, SO JUST BRING ME MY GEAR
I DIDN'T HIT MY HEAD, AND MY BODY CAN MOVE
NATURALLY
WA-
YOU'RE STILL GOING FOR THE MATCH!?
YOU'VE MESSED ME UP THANKS TO YOUR FOOLING AROUND
IF YOU FEEL GUILTY, THEN AT LEAST SUPPORT ME

NISHIOGI!
PLEASE DON'T SAY A WORD TO ANYONE
TIGHTER
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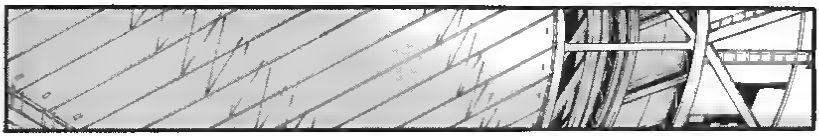
I GOT IT...
IN ONE GO
UU...
YOU CAN'T GO OUT WITH YOUR HAND LIKE THAT!

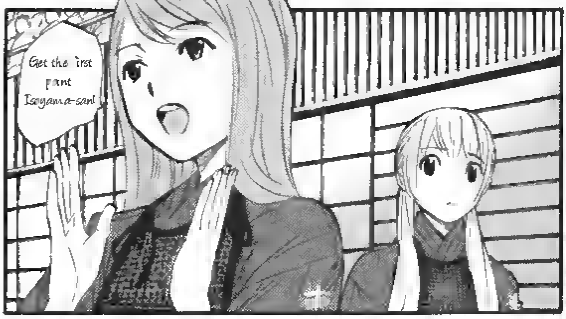
IMPOSSIBLE
DON'T DECIDE THAT SO QUICKLY!!



SORRY, NISHIOGI TOOK A WHILE IN THE TOILET
THE TWO OF YOU ARE LATE
EH!!

ISOYAMA-SAN, YOUR CORD!
I'M SORRY, IT'S MY FAULT
Owowow
IT'S NOT YOUR FAULT
I WAS JUST CARELESS

SALUTE!


Get the first point Isoyama-san!

ALRIGHT, ISOYAMA
GO LIKE JUST NOW

BEGIN!
THERE'S NO POWER FROM MY LEFT HAND...

NO FRACTURE, BUT I'D THOUGHT IT'LL BE BETTER-

メェェン!
WHAT IN THE WORLD IS ISOYAMA DOING, IT'S NOT SHARP AT ALL
IT'S MY FAULT AFTER ALL

WHEN SHE GRABBED ME, HER LEFT HAND...

AT THIS RATE I WILL GET HIT
NOTHING WILL COME OUT OF ENDURING THIS
DON'T MAKE THAT KIND OF FACE...

NO GOOD, THE BLOW WAS TOO SOFT, I DIDN'T GET A POINT
WITH MY HAND LIKE THAT, I CAN'T FOLLOW IT UP...

WHAT SHOULD I DO?

DON'T DECIDE THAT SO QUICKLY!
EVEN IF IT'S ISOYAMA, HER HAND CAN'T MAKE IT..

DAMN IT... HAS THE SHINAI EVER BEEN THIS HEAVY?
I'LL USE A ONE HAND ATTACK TO GET ONE POINT
USING ONLY MY RIGHT HAND...
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ﾊﾔﾒ!

メン!
石矢

来オッ
磯山

DOU STRIKE!
AT THIS RATE EVEN MY ONE HAND ATTACK...
THAT'S GREAT, ISOYAMA, GET ONE MORE
I WON'T BE ABLE TO DO THE SAME THING AGAIN
DOU STRIKE!

SECOND BOUT!
WHY ISN'T SHE ATTACKING?
I HAVE TO TOUGH IT OUT
FROM HERE ON I CANNOT LET MY FORM COLLAPSE...
磯山

HM?
!?
THIS IS JUST LIKE NISHIOGI

OI NISHIOGI
YES!
DID SOMETHING HAPPEN TO ISOYAMA?
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ハク
...
YOU CAN'T SAY IT?

ISOYAMA IS WHITE
WHITE WINS
HALT!
SALUTE!
!!

THANK YOU

ISOYAMA-SAN!
IDIOT! IT WAS JUST LACK OF BLOOD
ARE YOU ALRIGHT? YOU FELL SO SUDDENLY I THOUGHT YOU WERE DEAD ..
OI ISOYAMA!
WHY DID YOU ENTER THE MATCH WITH YOUR HAND LIKE THAT
Stop
heh heh

NO! I WAS THE ONE AT FAULT
I CAUSED-
NISHIOGI HAS NOTHING TO DO WITH THIS
I WAS THE ONE WHO TOLD HER NOT TO TALK
ISOYAMA!
ARE YOU ALRIGHT?
I THOUGHT YOU'D DIED...
WHAT, EVEN KAWAI-SAN.
MORE IMPORTANTLY, THE MATCH?

IS THAT SO, THANK GOODNESS
THE NEXT OPPONENT IS AOI BUSINESS, RIGHT
PROBABLY
DON'T WORRY, YOUR ONE POINT WAS NOT IN VAIN
NOGIWA WON TWO, KAWAI ONE, AND ME TWO
NISHIOGI, GET THE TAPE FOR TAPING FROM MY BAG
EH!?
WHAT ARE YOU SAYING, YOU CAN'T GO FOR THE NEXT MATCH
YOU WERE TOLD THAT YOUR HAND AND HEAD NEEDS TO BE CHECKED
THEY CAN CHECK ANYWHERE THEY WANT AFTER I'VE WON THE MATCHES

DURING THE REAL MATCHES IN THE JUNE INTER-HIGH
WE CAN'T HAVE OUR VANGUARD BREAK DOWN THERE
THE TEAM NEEDS YOU
MURAHAMA-SAN...

AOI BUSINESS' VANGUARD IS SUGIURA, RIGHT
YES
UEHARA, CAN YOU GO
YES!
SUGIURA IS VANGUARD!?
ISOYAMA SAN?
AOI BUSINESS LOST TO US IN LAST YEAR'S TOURNAMENT
I WAS SURPRISED TOO WHEN I SAW THE ORDER
THEY'VE COME THIS YEAR WITH THE INTENT OF CRUSHING US

KOSHIBA-SENSEI
PLEASE LET NISHIOGI BE THE VANGUARD
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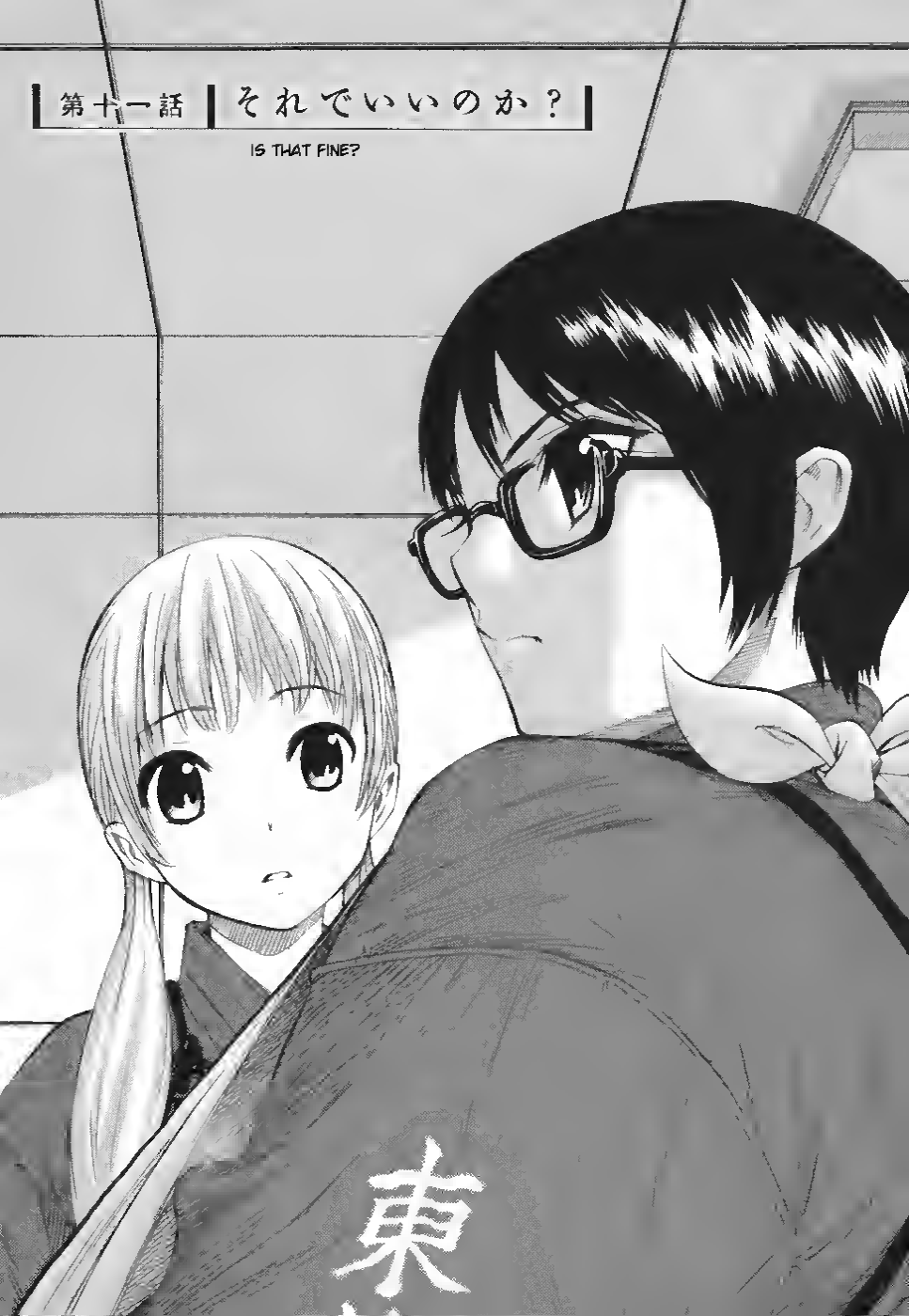
# 第十一話　それでいいのか？

IS THAT FINE?



WHY NISHIOGI AND NOT UEHARA?
BECAUSE UEHARA-SAN CANNOT WIN
UEHARA'S AGGRESSIVE KENDO IS NOT GOOD AGAINST SUGIURA'S FAST, TIGHT KENDO
IF WE SEND HER OUT, SHE'LL LOSE TWO POINTS

IT'S NOT JUST THAT
IT'S LIKE SHE SAID BEFORE, NISHIOGI HAS DEFEATED ME IN THE PAST
NO, THAT WAS A FLUKE-
BUT IT'S NOT JUST ABOUT COMPATIBILITY, UEHARA HAS MORE EXPERIENCE
WHAT DO YOU THINK, MURAHAMA?
IT WASN'T A FLUKE
EVEN THOUGH THERE WERE TWO MINUTES LEFT IN THE MATCH, I COULDN'T LAND A SINGLE HIT ON HER
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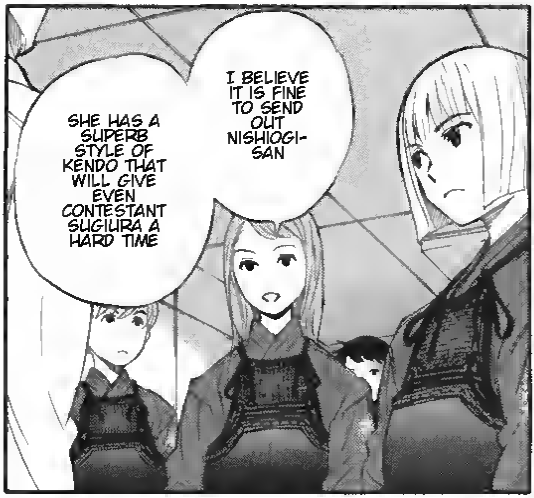
I BELIEVE IT IS FINE TO SEND OUT NISHIOGI-SAN
SHE HAS A SUPERB STYLE OF KENDO THAT WILL GIVE EVEN CONTESTANT SUGIURA A HARD TIME

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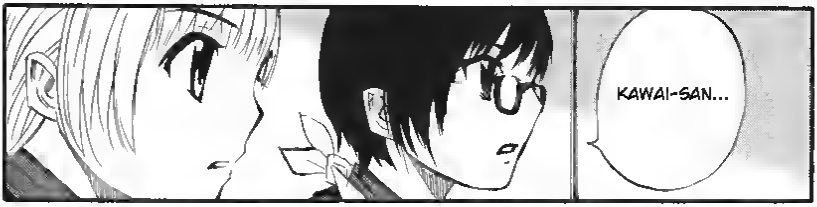
KAWAI-SAN...

UEHARA?
IF KAWAI SAYS SO, THEN IT CAN'T BE HELPED, BESIDES NISHIOGI HAS BEEN GREAT RECENTLY

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THANK YOU VERY MUCH!

ALRIGHT, NISHIOGI WILL BE THE VANGUARD
THE ONE ON THE FIELD IS ONE OF THE SEVEN STRONGEST SCHOOLS
WE CAN'T FALL HERE!
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SAYS YOUR FACE
"WHY ME"...
BECAUSE
HOW CAN I WIN, WHEN I CAN'T DEFEAT UEHARA-SENPAI?
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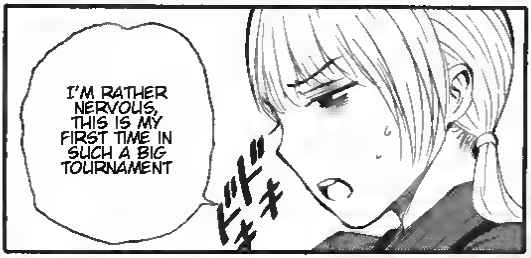
LOOK, THAT'S AOI BUSINESS
A FREQUENT COMPETITOR WITHIN THE PREFECTURE

WHO KNOWS
WHO KNOWS!


I'M RATHER NERVOUS, THIS IS MY FIRST TIME IN SUCH A BIG TOURNAMENT
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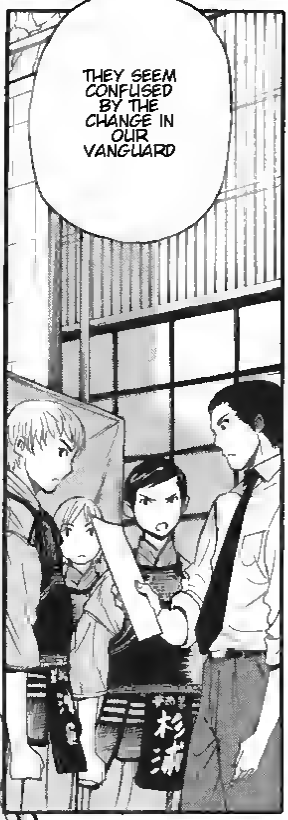
THEY SEEM CONFUSED BY THE CHANGE IN OUR VANGUARD
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YOU DON'T HAVE TIME FOR THAT DURING THE MATCH
IF YOU'RE NERVOUS, THEN BE NERVOUS ALL YOU WANT NOW

IS SUGIURA STRONG?

SHE WON LAST YEAR'S KANTO TOURNAMENT INDIVIDUALS
EHH!?
I DEFINITELY CAN'T BEAT SUCH-
NO...
NOTHING
BUT WHY IS SOMEONE LIKE THAT A VANGUARD?

THE CAPTAIN IS?
THE SECOND AND THE VICE CAPTAIN ARE THIRD YEARS, WHILE THE CAPTAIN IS A SECOND YEAR

LIKE THE PRESIDENT SAID, THEY BASED THEIR ORDER ON BEATING US
THEY SAW THAT I WAS THE VANGUARD, SO THEY PUT THE STRONGEST SUGIURA TO CRUSH ME
SAYING THAT LIKE IT'S NOTHING....

I SEE...
THEN TIE OFF WITH MURAHAMA
THEY INTEND TO EARN POINTS UNTIL THE VICE CAPTAIN

YES, THE HUGE ONE THERE

THEN IT'S FINE IF I KEEP RUNNING AND DENY THEM ANY POINTS

IS THAT REALLY FINE?
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KUNO-SAN, HIGASHINO-SENPAI
AND EVERY-ONE...
NISHIOGI!

THANK YOU
USE THIS!
早苗!
行け!
ガンバレ西荻!!
自分を信じろ!
Go ファイト!!

DON'T DECIDE THAT SO QUICKLY!
THANK YOU VERY MUCH!
I BELIEVE IT IS FINE
NISHIOGI-SAN
IF KAWAI-SAN SAYS SO, THEN IT CAN'T BE HELPED
USE THIS!
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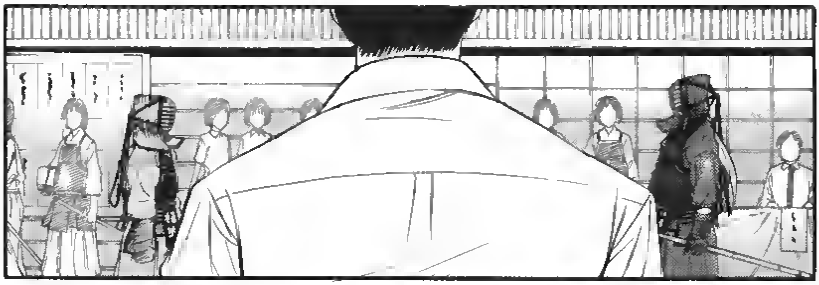
...ISOYAMA-SAN
HM?
WHAT SHOULD I DO
TO WIN?



LISTEN UP, FIRST, FORGET ABOUT EVERYTHING UNNECESSARY

KEEP GUARDING YOUR MIDSECTION, AND SET YOUR OWN DISTANCE
I GOT IT

BIG STAGE, STRONG OPPONENT, ALL THOSE THINGS ARE UNIMPORTANT
YES

THAT'S ALL!?
YES
AFTER THAT?
THAT IS ALL
JUST DO AS YOU ALWAYS DO AND YOU'LL BE FINE
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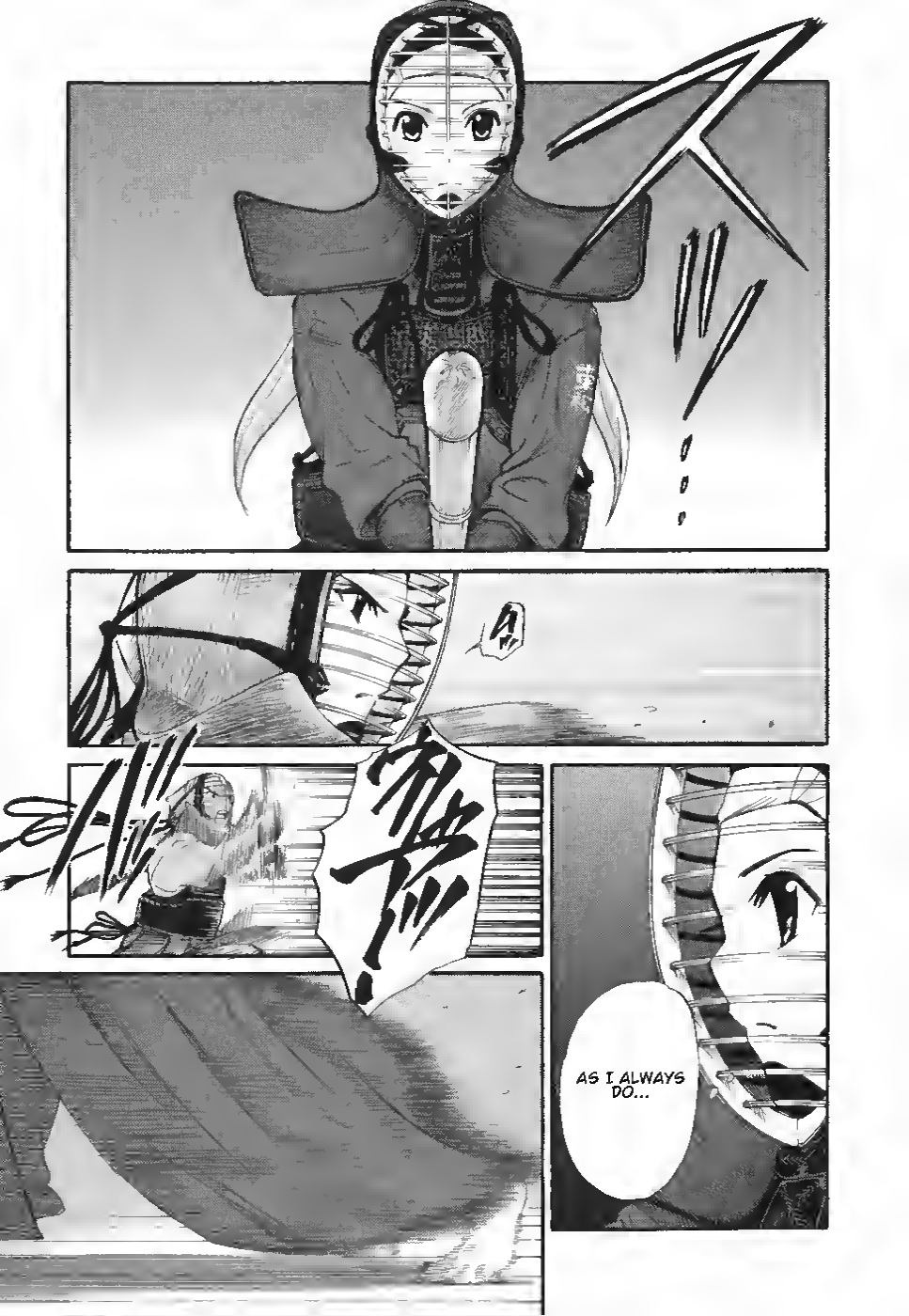
BEGIN!


AS I ALWAYS DO...

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THIS IS IT...
THE BASIC STUPIDLY STRAIGHT MIDSECTION
AND THAT UNIQUE FOOTWORK

EVERYTHING ABOVE THE WAIST ALWAYS MOVES STABLY
WHEN NISHIOGI MOVES, EITHER DURING ATTACKING OR LURING, HER MIDDLE NEVER MOVES UP OR DOWN
THAT'S WHY WHEN SHE SUDDENLY WENT FOR A STRAIGHT ATTACK AT ME THAT TIME
I HAD THE MISTAKEN IMPRESSION THAT HER SHINAI EXTENDED...
FAST!

SHE GOT IN!
IF SHE ATTACHES ONTO YOU, THEN BEWARE OF ANY ATTEMPT TO SUDDENLY MOVE BACK, WHILE USING YOUR LEG TO PUSH BACK TO YOUR DISTANCE
IF YOU GET IT BACK, THEN GUARD YOUR MIDDLE AS USUAL

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YOUR MIDDLE GUARD IS SPECIAL
THAT'S FINE, THE OPPONENT DIDN'T COME AFTER YOU

AT THIS RATE, I WON'T LOSE
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BUT AT THIS RATE, I WON'T WIN...
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SHE'S SHORTENING THE DISTANCE
HM?
WHAT IS SHE DOING?
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IDIOT, YOU HAVE NO REAR!

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必殺

HAHA! SHE REALLY DID IT
DOU STRIKE!
YES
THAT WAS PROBABLY A GOOD STRIKE JUST NOW
THIS IS NISHIOGI'S KENDO...

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IT IS DIFFERENT FROM MINE
BUT IT SEEMS STRONG TOO...
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